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Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTYWIDE  
POLLUTANT REDUCTION MEASURES FOR URBAN RUNOFF  
AND STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Award a contract to Tetra Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$1,947,995 to develop a comprehensive watershed modeling system that identifies cost-effective pollutant reduction projects for urban runoff and stormwater quality in the County of Los Angeles.
2. Authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the contract and to increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the contract sum for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contract if required.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or his designee to enter into a consultant services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$1,947,995 to

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develop a comprehensive watershed modeling system that identifies cost-effective pollutant reduction projects for urban runoff and stormwater quality in the County of Los Angeles. The modeling system and resulting projects are part of a comprehensive program to comply with State and Federal water quality regulations.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Community Services (Goal 6) by developing most cost-effective measures in controlling pollutants in urban runoff and stormwater that ultimately benefit the quality of life for the County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The contract is for an amount not to exceed \$1,947,995 plus 10 percent for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contract. Further, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 9, has expressed a strong interest in this project and has independently contracted and funded \$100,000 in tasks related to this project to be performed simultaneously by Tetra Tech, Inc., in conjunction with this contract.

Sufficient funding for this contract is available from the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract Scope of Work will include developing watershed models for all areas of the County that will take into consideration dynamic stormwater flow during rain events and pollutants in surface water. The models will identify the most cost-effective pollutant control projects for long-term improvement of surface water quality of all regulated water bodies in the County. Efforts for pollution control project development will be focused first on the unincorporated areas of the County then the incorporated cities. These measures are critical for regulatory compliance with increasingly stringent water quality standards such as Total Maximum Daily Loads as required by the County's existing Municipal Stormwater Discharge Permit.

The contract contains provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract

Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

Data regarding the proposers' minority participation is on file with the Department of Public Works (Public Works). The contractor was selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended actions does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On May 16, 2007, Public Works sent out Request for Proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants. The proposals were sent to 53 firms and advertised on the County web page. A total of 14 firms responded to the Request for Proposals.

An evaluation committee comprised of Public Works' staff evaluated the proposals and selected five firms as the best qualified firms for the Select List of Qualified Consultants (SLQC) for watershed management and stormwater quality related tasks. The firms selected were Tetra Tech, Inc.; WRC Consulting; Geosyntec; RBF Consulting; and MWH Americas. The selection was done without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. As projects develop, Public Works selects consultants in the order of established ranking from the SLQC. Tetra Tech, Inc., is the first firm on the SLQC for this project.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Tetra Tech, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

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Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program, County Code Chapter 2.201, does not apply to the recommended agreement, as this agreement is for non-Proposition A services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this contract opportunity was listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The project will enable the County to provide long-term improvements of urban runoff and stormwater quality. Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on current projects or services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Department of Public Works (Budget/Fund Management, Fiscal)